



EASEBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th May 2017

Dates for the next two weeks

W/B 8th May	National Curriculum Tests Year 6	
Monday 8th May	Meet the Teacher – What's new this term – Dragonflies Last day for PTFA Happy Bag Collection	3.15
Friday 12th May	PTFA Film Night	3.15-5.30
Tuesday 16th May	Reception Sept 2017 Talk (by invitation)	2.45-3.15
Wednesday 17th May	Tea with Mr C	2.30-3.15
Thursday 18th May	Rabbits trip to Haslemere Museum	9.00-3.00
Friday 19th May	Badgers trip to Haslemere Museum Year 6 Debate Competition Book Club PTFA Quiz Night – Postponed until Autumn Term	9.00-3.00 Pm 3.15-4.15

A Word from the Head

Summer Spelling Bee



Next week, class teachers will run the first round of the spelling bee. Your child should have brought the appropriate list for his/her class. However, if this has been mislaid, a copy of all of the spelling lists should have been sent out alongside this newsletter and they can also be found on the Moodle under Curriculum/Literacy/TR@SH Spelling.



As before, entering the house challenge will earn a house point as will every correct answer thereafter. Children reaching the target number of correct answers for their year groups will go into the individual challenge.

Parish Playground

If you went along to the recent Parish Council meeting or have read this week's edition of the Observer, you will know that there are exciting plans to develop an innovative playground on the Parish Field in the near future.

Holly Grantham and Mike Noble are visiting the school on Tuesday afternoon to share the journey so far and answer questions. They are also keen to hear the ideas of both children and parents. If you would like to hear more, do set aside some time at afternoon pick-up to see the display they are bringing along and have a chat. The display will be under the canopy at the back of the school.

Traffic!

Volunteers needed for traffic calming working party

John Hines, another Parish Councillor, is aiming to apply for a grant to enable us to work with the highways department to install a traffic calming scheme in Wheelbarrow Castle. He already has some governor volunteers but very much wants some representation from parents and local residents unconnected with the school. If you feel you could give up some time over the next six months to this project to

make the route to school safer for our children, please let us know as soon as possible.

Traffic Questionnaire

If you haven't already done so, please could you complete a traffic questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. This is to investigate whether there is a case to be made for the restoration of a lollipop crossing patrol on Wheelbarrow Castle. I think that there quite possibly is a case, but we will need **a strong response** from parents to demonstrate this robustly. A lollipop crossing patrol would increase the safety of our children's journeys to school – please take two minutes to participate.

Dragonflies Class 2017-18

Since the news broke about the increased size of Dragonflies next year, individual parents have asked questions about how exactly this will work. To ensure that all parents of children in Dragonflies in September have a clear understanding, there will be an opportunity to hear about how the larger Reception class will be organised next year on **Tuesday, 16th May at 2.45**. We hope that this will answer all of the significant questions.

Music News

Congratulations to Lillianne on achieving her Grade 3 violin exam with Merit last term.

This week, the Balinese gamelan orchestra from the County Music Service arrived for the term. Some of you may remember that we had the orchestra two years ago and our children were lucky enough to learn about both the music and the cultural significance of these fascinating instruments. Katie Stevens will be offering an opportunity for parents to join a gamelan workshop with their children later in the term – I strongly recommend you go!

Unauthorised absence from school

You should all have received a letter yesterday from West Sussex County Council in respect of unauthorised absence. Following the supreme court ruling on the case of the parent who disputed the Fixed Penalty Notice for taking his child out of school during term time for a family holiday, we have to advise that from the start of the summer term 2017, the Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) team will process referrals in the same manner as they did prior to May 2016 i.e. where the referral criteria is met; 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

SRE Week (Sex and Relationship Education)

SRE Week begins on Tuesday 6th June. As last year, parents are welcome to view the episodes which we use from the series 'Living and Growing'. If there is a demand, a screening of the episodes will take place starting at 9.00am and 12.30pm on Friday 19th May. Please let the office know if you will be attending. You can view the school's SRE Policy under Policies in the Parent Information section on Moodle.

Community Week – w/b Monday 12th June

Community Week is set to be a busy week which will finish with the combined school and church Summer Fair on Saturday 17th June. Plans so far include a totem pole and bug hotel in the courtyard area, a hall mural, 'Dark Night Sky' sessions hosted by the South Downs National Park. If you have any ideas or special skills or are available to assist with a session please speak to the office.

First News iHub

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) have access at school and home to First News ihub, an addition to First News, the UK's only national newspaper for young people. Your child has been given their username and password in class today and they will be in their

kit books next week. The ihub is a brand new digital literacy tool which provides activities at three levels. Pupils can tackle comprehension and word puzzles and interactive pupil reading challenges based around current affairs. Pupils can also vote in polls and articulate opinions in polls and debates.

The Bank

Please could I remind parents not to let their children play on the rear bank at collection time? Even though we often remind our pupils not to play on the bank it is understandably tempting if other children persist in doing so. The bank is steep, often slippery and if climbed results in cuts and bruises, muddied clothes and erosion of the surface. During the summer months the bank also becomes a home to numerous insects whose habitats we should preserve. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher Scheme finished instore and on-line on 2nd May. We would be grateful to receive vouchers as soon as possible so that we can place an order in good time. Thank you for your support.

Dragonflies Open Morning

On Wednesday 5th April Dragonflies class had their Easter Stay and Play, where parents and carers were invited to come and join in with various Easter activities. Children really enjoyed this almost as much as the adults! There was cutting, sticking, painting, counting, reading and writing along with other great activities, the time flew by.



PC Phillips

At the end of last term, PC Dave Phillips, our community policeman spent a whole day at the school, visiting all classes. He spoke to KS2 about Personal Safety, to KS1 about Being a Policeman and to YR about People Who Help Us.

PC Phillips told us what you should do if you have a stranger at your front door. He also told us not to get into a car with a stranger and that we should always check with our parents first before we go anywhere.

By Lottie, Ruby, Amy and Toby D in Foxes

Poetry Day at MRC

We went to two poetry days at MRC. On our first day we wrote poems involving the senses. When we first got there we had to tell everybody something about ourselves to get to know each other. On our second visit we illustrated our poems. We also did performance poetry and performed our own freestyle poems. We had a very good time and hope to go back there again. By Isabel and Lucy, Rabbits Class



House Update

	Blue Wolves	Green Dragons	Red Pandas	Yellow Cheetahs
Totals brought forward	158	177	164	170
Week 1 House Points	2	4	3	1
Easter Reading Challenge	20	22	21	30
Week 2 House Points	2	4	3	2
Total	182	207	191	203

EASEBOURNE PTFA NEWS

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Mr Meaby and Miss Crew for their Spinnaker Tower abseil. You all helped raise £1,771.00, which has funded the second clever touch screen already fitted in Rabbits Class.



Also, thank you once again to everyone who donated chocolate eggs and alternative options for the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt. Much appreciation goes to Sheila Cooper, Gemma Purser, Vicky Curwood, Sophie Granlund, Celia Farrow and Laura Uphill for all their help beforehand and on the day. We all enjoyed running this

event and were blessed once again with some gorgeous weather; it was a joy to watch the children having so much fun.

PTFA Film Night

The next PTFA Film Night will be held in the afternoon of Friday 12th May at 3.15pm-5.30pm (times may change slightly). Tickets will go on sale on Monday 8th May at £2 per child, this will include a bag of popcorn and a sealed bottle of drink (instead of a cup of squash), hence the slight price increase. The film is called 'Trolls'. Please contact the school office or our Facebook page if you are able to help in anyway either beforehand bagging up popcorn or supervising during the film.



PTFA Quiz Night - Can you beat the teachers?

This event has been postponed until the Autumn Term.

Happy School Bag Collection

Please fill bags with unwanted clothes, shoes, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, accessories, bedlinen and towels and leave your bags with the school reception. The last day to bring your bags in is Monday 8th May. This event is a great way to raise money at no cost; the last collection raised £507.60 for our school.

Easy Fundraising

Please remember you can raise money for your child's school by simply shopping online. This is a fundraiser that everyone can get involved in and it's free and takes no time:-

- 1) head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/easebournepspta> and join for free
- 2) Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site/shop you want and start shopping
- 3) After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause at no extra cost whatsoever!!

Summer Fair

School/Church Fair will be held on Saturday 17th June between 2pm-5pm. If you would like to help run a stall, set up beforehand or are available to help clean up afterwards, please contact the school office or our Facebook page. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page (Easebourne Primary School ptfa) for more details on this event in the coming weeks.

Dates to Remember

* Car Boot Sale on Sunday 17th September (times to be confirmed) at Easebourne Primary School.

By Jo Purser, PTFA Secretary

MATCHED GIVING - YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU FUND RAISING - JUST BY BEING YOU!

Does the company you work for 'Match' the money you raise at a school event? Please ask the HR Department or the Personnel Manager in the company where you work.

Matched giving is an easy way of raising money for Easebourne Primary school.

Many companies will match the money you raise on a stall at your school event just by you filling in a form.

A list of some of the companies that are part of the scheme can be found next to the clubs list, but please ask your individual employer, as they may not be listed.

This support can be given by Parents, Friends or Family of Easebourne School, so please ask everyone to check with their employer and then inform the school.



Early Days and Easebourne Owls Easter Holiday at Easebourne Owls Holiday Club



We will be running a holiday club on Tuesday 30th May, Wednesday 31st May and Thursday 1st June
8.30am-4.30pm

£15.00 per am/pm session or £30 per child, per day.

Children aged from 2-10 years

Prior booking is essential to guarantee your child's place

Please note if you wish to book your child into a breakfast club or after school provision this must be booked in advance in order to ensure we can adhere to the correct child/staff ratio.

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Midhurst Rother College Community Day Saturday 6 May 2017

**Come and join
the Fun:**

Climbing Wall

Multi Sports

Saints Foundation Coaching

Giant Astrodome

Meet the Animals

Archery for All

Lifestyle & Fitness Activities

Delicious Food & Drink

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Exciting stalls
and activities
for all the family...



10am-2pm



FREE ENTRY - THERE MAYBE A SMALL CHARGE FOR SOME ACTIVITIES